

very broad authorities and on page 1376 and 1377 of your Journal it talks about a lot of these authorities. Erosion prevention and control, prevention of damages from flood water and sediment, flood prevention, soil conservation, water supply, recreational interests, management of fish and wildlife, development and management of fish and wildlife, drainage, pollution control, solid waste disposal and sanitary drainage, and also the development of park facilities and recreational facilities. They have broad authority within a broad area of natural resources. They are no more a special assessment district with regard to their jurisdiction than a school district is a special assessment district with regard to education. I mean, a school district has a limited area of authority, it's education. But certainly no one would suggest that the school district which, just like the NRDs, is funded through property taxes, should be anything other than one person, one vote. If you look at the amounts of money being assessed by these particular kinds of districts, as I showed you in the handout that we passed out on General File, they are the fifth largest property tax levying authority in the State of Nebraska, 18...they come after community colleges, cities and villages, counties and schools in terms of their property tax levies and those property tax levies have been increasing all of the time and they can levy those property taxes, not just on people who are in control areas or people who are in one part of the NRD or another, or people who are participating in one part of the NRD or another, but they can con...but they can levy those property taxes on all people within the district. And there may be a large number of people and in many districts there are a large number of people who are not benefiting from any of their programs who are being taxed. And more and more, all of the time, the villages become involved in NRDs. Now some of the NRDs are controlling village water supplies. Tremendously increased costs of testing are coming about in terms of villages and cities because of the different kinds of pollution that are going on in the countryside. We're all in this together and we should all have a voice about what happens. And I think if everyone is given a voice about what happens, they'll find a lot more cooperation and a lot more moving forward on all of this...on all of these array of problems that we have. Senator Coordsen, let me ask you this. Gordon Kissel, as you know, Gordon Kissel and the NRD Association are in support of one person, one vote. These are the people that have been running the system and the majority feeling of their association is that this is what we should do, one person, one